

# MAHNCKE PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION  
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**OCTOBER 2024**

## THIS MONTH'S MEETING

The Big To Do.

What is the Big To Do?

The Big To Do is our "First Neighborhood To Do List" workshop. This workshop will identify what we would like to see happen in our neighborhood, no matter how small or large an undertaking. We will begin by brainstorming ideas to create a list that we will rank in terms of importance and ease of accomplishment. Some items may be solved simply with a call to the City's 311 Customer Service Dept. or the Code Compliance Division. Other ideas may involve fundraising or submitting funding requests to the city. Please bring your ideas and join us for the Big To Do.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 7pm**  
**LION'S FIELD CENTER**  
**2809 BROADWAY**

## SA BOTANICAL GARDEN MASTER PLAN MEETING

Wednesday, October 16, 6:00–7:30pm, 555 Funston. On behalf of the San Antonio Botanical Garden, they are happy to offer all Mahncke Park neighbors "an EXCLUSIVE opportunity to be among the first to hear the visionary blueprint that will build on the success of the "GROW Campaign" and further transform The Garden over the next 10-15 years. This is a pivotal moment in The Garden's history." They "appreciate the many hours of feedback and participation the Mahncke Park community contributed to the master planning process and its continued enthusiasm surrounding the project."

Landscape architecture firm Reed Hilderbrand will share the final presentation of the completed plan in the Discovery Classrooms, 555 Funston Place on Wednesday, October 16, 6:00–7:30pm.

RSVPs required to attend!

Attendees, please send email by Tuesday, October 15 to Lisa Thaddeus, SABOT Executive Assistant & Board Liaison: [lthaddeus@sabot.org](mailto:lthaddeus@sabot.org)

## \$250K ALLOCATED FOR MAHNCKE PARK

District 2 City Councilman Jalen McKee-Rodriguez successfully included \$250K for improvements to our neighborhood's signature park, Mahncke Park, as part of the City's FY2025 budget. Specific plans for use of the funds have not yet been defined; therefore, neighbors are encouraged to share input with Ms. Laken Hall, District 2 Constituent Services, 210-207-0950.

## BIKE LANES ARE BACK

Bike lane striping on N. New Braunfels from Burr Road to Eleanor Avenue was restored in September, after having been removed in April 2023 when the street was resurfaced.

## ZONING CHANGE REQUEST: 201 IRA AVENUE

The San Antonio Zoning Commission voted in favor of a zoning request for 201 Ira Avenue on September 17, changing the designation from MF-33 Multi-Family to R-4 Residential Single Family with Conditional Use for Professional Office. Following discussions with nearby property owners and the MPNA Land Use Committee, the property owner has executed a document agreeing to rezone the property to remove the Conditional Use designation if the property is sold. City Council is scheduled to consider the Zoning Commission's recommendation on October 17, 2024.

## MAHNCKE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN (MPCG)

41 pounds of honey produced by the two bee hives in the MPCG was used to fill 60 jars, which sold out quickly last month, raising over \$1000 that will be used to support the bees. Each glass jar of the locally produced honey was customized with the MPCG logo, designed by Jim Noel of Queen Anne Court.

Fall planting is underway now. Please come by to look. Next Garden Workday is Saturday, October 12, starting at 9am. All are welcome to work in the MPCG!

## THANKSGIVING CAMP FOR THE KIDS

The San Antonio Parks Department is inviting children (ages 6 – 14) to join their 2024 Thanksgiving Camp, taking place at multiple locations. Youth participants will enjoy a variety of supervised structured activities including traditional sports, active games, fitness, craft projects and other seasonally themed activities. Program fee is \$3.00 per day/per child. Lunch and snack included. Space is limited.

- Registration Opens: Monday, September 30, 2024 @ 10am
- Camp Dates: November 25 - November 27
- Time: 7:30am - 5:30pm
- Ages: 6yrs. - 14yrs.
- Registration Link:  
[https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/sago/v/activity/search?activity\\_select\\_param=2&activity\\_keyword=thanksgiving%20&viewMode=list](https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/sago/v/activity/search?activity_select_param=2&activity_keyword=thanksgiving%20&viewMode=list)

## FAMILY HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREATING, OCT. 31

North Mahncke Park. Gather at Clover Lawn Pk 5:30pm, Group Photo 5:45pm, & 5:55pm trick or treat walk begins on Allensworth, Thorman, & Carnahan.  
South Mahncke Park. Gather at Mahncke Park Community Garden 5:30pm, Group Photo at 5:45pm, & 5:55pm trick or treat walk begins on Funston, Parland, & Elmhurst.

This is Mahncke Park's 14th Annual Halloween event. All families, waddlers & toddlers welcome to join!

MEET OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER

Kevin Nguyen and his wife Sarah and their daughter are happy to be living in Mahncke Park. In fact, they are more than happy and are pretty sure Mahncke Park will be their long term home. "It's so easy to connect here," said Kevin. Former residents of Seguin, "where we didn't know our neighbors at all," Kevin and Sarah have discovered a sense of community on upper Eleanor Avenue. They love stopping to chat with neighbors on their walks, and both talked a lot about the value of community when we spoke last month. Kevin smiled when he spoke of the joys of living "close to everything." He tells friends he rarely goes above 30 mph to drive anywhere.

Working remotely most of the time, Kevin is in cyber security with a Dallas firm and Sarah works with a local foundation overseeing aspects of other foundations. Their work arrangement allows them meaningful time with their daughter, as well as the opportunity to visit area trails for cycling.

Kevin commented it is great to see the community come together, whether in support of a project or to get collectively angry, as happened at a recent MPNA meeting regarding the Broadway corridor. On the other hand, he has enjoyed civil disagreement and the opportunity to work together creating solutions. He observed that we all want many of the same things. Kevin is in agreement with several neighbors that have expressed disappointment regarding the replacement of locally owned businesses on Broadway with national brands. Kevin also shared his concerns about the increasing number of short term rentals in our neighborhood, as well as the city's regulations regarding B & B's. Recently he began work reconfiguring the MPNA's membership list into a more user friendly format. We are delighted to have Kevin Nguyen join the MPNA board of directors.

MAHNCKE PARK PALETA SOCIAL A GREAT SUCCESS

Last month's gathering on September 7 in Mahncke Park to enjoy delicious paletas (also known as popsicles) was a wonderful time! Flavors included the usual suspects and a couple less mainstream flavors: Horchata and Dill Pickle. Approximately 45 neighbors attended – from ages 7 months to 75 years. Thanks to Naz and Nic Caporale of Claremont Avenue for the paletas and to Liz Kish of Natalen Street for her organizing magic. Now if we could only do something about the 90+ degree weather. . .

CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION

Mr. Jalen McKee-Rodriguez is the District 2 City Councilman. His district includes Mahncke Park. Main Office, City Hall, Military Plaza, 210-207-7278  
Constituent Office, 2805 E. Commerce, 210-207-0950.  
Mahncke Park residents may contact Maria Castro directly with concerns. [Maria.castro@sanantonio.gov](mailto:Maria.castro@sanantonio.gov)

S.A. POLICE DEPARTMENT

SAPD Officer Juan Hernandez patrols our neighborhood. Officer Hernandez' duty hours are M-F, 7am-3pm. He regularly attends the MPNA's monthly meetings and provides information regarding illegal activity. Contact him regarding concerns or to request a "patrol by" of your property if out of town. [Juan.hernandez3@sanantonio.gov](mailto:Juan.hernandez3@sanantonio.gov)  
210-218-6939, cell 210-207-7413, Central Substation

LION'S FIELD CENTER – 2809 BROADWAY

Lion's Field Center is operated by the SA Parks Dept. and hosts a variety of classes, including art, music, and exercise. Call 210-207-5380 to learn more or stop by for a visit.

SAN ANTONIO CODE COMPLIANCE

The Code Enforcement Officer for our area of San Antonio is Cynthia Santana. She regularly attends the MPNA's monthly meetings and is responsive to concerns from within our neighborhood. [Cynthia.Santana@sanantonio.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Santana@sanantonio.gov) 210-394-2544

MPNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Email [info@mahnckepark.org](mailto:info@mahnckepark.org)

RIDE THE INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY

There are two Facebook pages area residents may wish to visit for sharing and gathering information.

This is the link to MPNA official page [www.facebook.com/MahnckeParkNeighborhoodAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/MahnckeParkNeighborhoodAssociation)

Unofficial neighborhood page with online community socializing [www.facebook.com/groups/66362695532](https://www.facebook.com/groups/66362695532)

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